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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace paragraph [0001] with the following paragraph:

-- The present invention relates to security paper and security items in general, i.e., items

whose counterfeiting is to be prevented or made difficult by one or more security elements,